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SUBJECT: UNCTAD CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES

1. SUMMARY: IN PLENARY SESSION OF WORKING GROUP
EVENING OF JUNE 19, MEXICO AND OTHER LDC'S GAVE GLOOMY
PICTURE OF OUTLOOK FOR AGREEMENT.

2. CORREA (SYG, UNCTAD), IN GENERALLY HELPFUL REMARKS,
ADVISED WORKING GROUP TO CONCENTRATE ON REACHING
AGREEMENT ON THE ESSENTIALS.

3. IN OBVIOUSLY ORCHESTRATED CONCERT, PHILIPPINES,
JAMAICA, ALGERIA AND ZAIRE, AMONG OTHERS, CLAIMED INTENT
OF CHARTER IS TO FURTHER INTERESTS OF LDC'S AND RIGHT
INEQUITIES OF THEIR SITUATION. TALK OF A BALANCED
CHARTER MISSED POINT AND WAS AN ARGUMENT FOR
MAINTENANCE OF EXPLOITATIVE STATUS QUO. LDC'S WERE
LOSING PATIENCE WITH INIQUITOUS APPROACH OF SOME
MEMBERS.

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4. GONZALEZ GALVEZ (MEXICO) STATED THAT BLAME FOR

FAILURE, IF FAILURE CAME, WOULD BE PUBLICLY APPORTIONED.
HE INFERRED THAT DIFFERENCES OF VIEW WOULD BE SETTLED
BY VOTING.

5. SCHWEBEL STATED USDEL FAVORED MAXIMUM EFFORT BY ALL
TO REACH AGREEMENT. USG FIRMLY SUPPORTED A CHARTER OF
A BALANCED CONTENT, AS SECRETARY KISSINGER MADE CLEAR
IN ADDRESS TO UNGA LAST FALL. HE ENDORSED CORREA'S
ADVICE THAT GROUP CONCENTRATE ON THE ESSENTIALS.
NOTING AMB. OF KENYA HAD SAID WE WERE HERE TO
NEGOTIATE, SCHWEBEL SAID THAT WAS U.S. PURPOSE. OUR
UNDERSTANDING OF NEGOTIATORY PROCESS IS GIVE AND TAKE.
A STAND BY ONE GROUP ON TEXTS ADOPTED ELSEWHERE, OR
CLAIMS THAT A GROUP IS BOUND IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS BY
AGREEMENTS AMONG ITS MEMBERS, DID NOT CONDUCE TO THAT
PROCESS. FOR ITS PART, USDEL REMAINED HOPEFUL AGREEMENT
COULD BE REACHED. IF A FEW ISSUES REMAINED INSOLUBLE,
THEY SHOULD BE AVOIDED.

6. USSR DEL STATED THAT IT AGREED THAT CHARTER MUST
REPRESENT INTERESTS OF ALL COUNTRIES.

7. FREELAND (U.K.) NEXT DAY COMPLIMENTED USDEL ON ITS
STATEMENT, WHICH HE THOUGHT WAS LAUDABLY RESTRAINED
IN VIEW OF THE PROVOCATION. SCHWEBEL TOOK OCCASION
TO ASK WHETHER FREELAND BELIEVED USDEL AND UKDEL
SAW EYE-TO-EYE ON ALL MATTERS, BOTH OF SUBSTANCE AND
STYLE. FREELAND REPLIED WITH A FIRM YES. ONLY POSSIBLE
SHADE OF DIFFERENCE, HE ADDED, IS THAT UKDEL MUST TAILOR
ITS VIEWS TO THOSE OF EC-9, AND, ON MNC'S, SOME OF EC-9
WOULD SETTLE IF THERE WERE ONLY A REFERENCE TO NON-
DISCRIMINATION, EVEN THOUGH ALL WOULD LIKE FULLER USG
TEXT.
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